

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 24-29 have been added and therefore are pending in the present application. The pending claims are supported by the specification, drawings, and original claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment presents no new issues or new matter and places this case in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore request reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following.

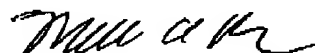
**Conclusion**

In view of the above, applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance and request early and favorable reconsideration of the present application. The Examiner should feel free to contact the applicants' by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

The commission is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may be due in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 14-1447 and to credit any overpayment to the same account.

Respectfully submitted,

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